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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, which set a three month period for response. Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time to which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

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